

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 7" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 8" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 10" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 15, line 2, delete "13 or 14,".

Claim 16, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of the claims 12 to 15" and insert --claim 12--.

Claim 17, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of the claims 12 to 16" and insert --claim 12--.

Claim 18, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of the claims 12 to 17" and insert --claim 12--.

Claim 19, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of the claims 12 to 18" and insert --claim 12--.

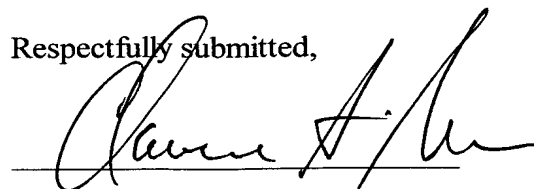
Claim 20, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of the claims 12 to 19" and insert --claim 12--.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "or 22".

Remarks

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